

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Kindly replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 26, with the following:*

The invention is illustrated in more detail in the drawings, with reference to an exemplary embodiment. In the drawings:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a transport belt with closure aid in the uncoupled state;  
and

FIG. 2 is a side view of the lashing mechanism of a lashing strap constituting the closure aid for the transport belt as shown in FIG. 1; and

FIG. 3 is a side view of the lashing strap attached to the transport belt.

*Kindly add the following new paragraph at page 7, line 25.*

Alternatively, the lashing straps may be connected to the transport belt by way of coils. With reference to Fig. 3, coils 50 are inserted into the transport belt 1, which is shown as a wire element belt 51. The coils 50 are coupled to the belt by way of a pintle wire 52 inserted into the transport belt 1.